



City of Marco Island

Meeting Date: February 5, 2024
To: City Council
From: Chief Tracy L. Frazzano
Through: Michael A. McNees, City Manager
Re: December 2023 Monthly City Council Report

This December, the Marco Island Police Department focused efforts on identifying community members in need during the holidays. The MIPD identified tangible resources that could be provided to those in need and opportunities for community engagement and relationship building. On December 3rd, the MIPD partnered with the Marco Island Fire Rescue and the Island Country Club Charitable Foundation to host the 3rd Annual Christmas First Responders Style. Attendees were provided with a raffle, gift cards, lunch, games, and a visit from the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center ponies. On December 12th, MIPD hosted the "Pickleball with the Police" toy donation drive where community members were encouraged to donate a Toy and challenge each other to a game of pickleball. On December 21st, the MPD assisted Al's Pals in providing toys, resources and food to Marco Lake Drive, an area which was heavily impacted by the landfall of Hurricane Ian in 2022. Bringing organizations and volunteers together for one common goal creates relationships for future opportunities to collaborate when called upon. Fostering positive interactions with youths in our community is integral in developing long lasting relationships with our agency and to help those families who feel strained or isolated during the holiday season.



MIPD and Al's Pals at the Marco Lake Drive Toy Run



MIPD with Naples Therapeutic Riding Center at Christmas 1st Responder Style



Community members at the Pickle Ball with the Police Toys for Tots Drive

December Police Activity

Crime report:

In December 2023, 48 incidents were reported to the Marco Island Police Department. Total crimes against persons showed an 86% decrease in 2023 due to a reduction in instances of Domestic Battery. Property crimes decreased in December 2023 due to a significant decrease in thefts. Miscellaneous crimes showed a decrease due to fewer criminal traffic incidents than in December 2022. In December 2023, crimes against society, such as driving under the influence incidents showed an increase. The Marco Island Police Department had 7 arrests in December of 2023 for incidences of criminal traffic, DUI, and simple assault.

2023 vs. 2022 Crimes by Category, Non-Criminal Offenses				
Dec-2023		Dec-2022		'23 v. '22
Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Crimes against Persons	# of incidents	Diff.
Domestic Battery	0	Domestic Battery	4	
Assault	1	Assault	2	
Intimation/Stalking	0	Intimation/Stalking	1	
Total	1	Total	7	-86%
Property Crimes		Property Crimes		
Theft	3	Theft	10	
Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism*	0	Criminal Mischief/ Vandalism	3	
Fraud	1	Fraud	1	
Hit and Run	1	Hit and Run	3	
Total	5	Total	17	-71%
Misc. Crimes		Misc. Crimes		
Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	0	Others (Trespass, Warrants, etc)	2	
Criminal Traffic	3	Criminal Traffic	5	
Total	3	Total	7	-57%
Crimes against Society		Crimes against Society		
DUI	3	DUI	0	
Narcotics	0	Narcotics	5	
Total	3	Total	5	-40%
Other Incidents		Other Incidents		
Marchman Act	3	Marchman Act	1	
Baker Act	2	Baker Act	4	
Operation Medicine Cabinet	0	Operation Medicine Cabinet	2	
Non-Criminal incidents	31	Non-Criminal incidents	52	
Total	36	Total	59	-39%

* Includes multiple offenses per case

Note: Multiple criminal offenses may have occurred within some incidents.

This reporting aligns with new crime data collection requirements from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. This announcement for crime reporting was covered in the February 2022 monthly report.

Non-criminal incidents are reports that do not have a criminal offense or are information reports. Examples include fraud cases (outside of Marco Island jurisdiction), other agency assists, lost and found items and medical assists.

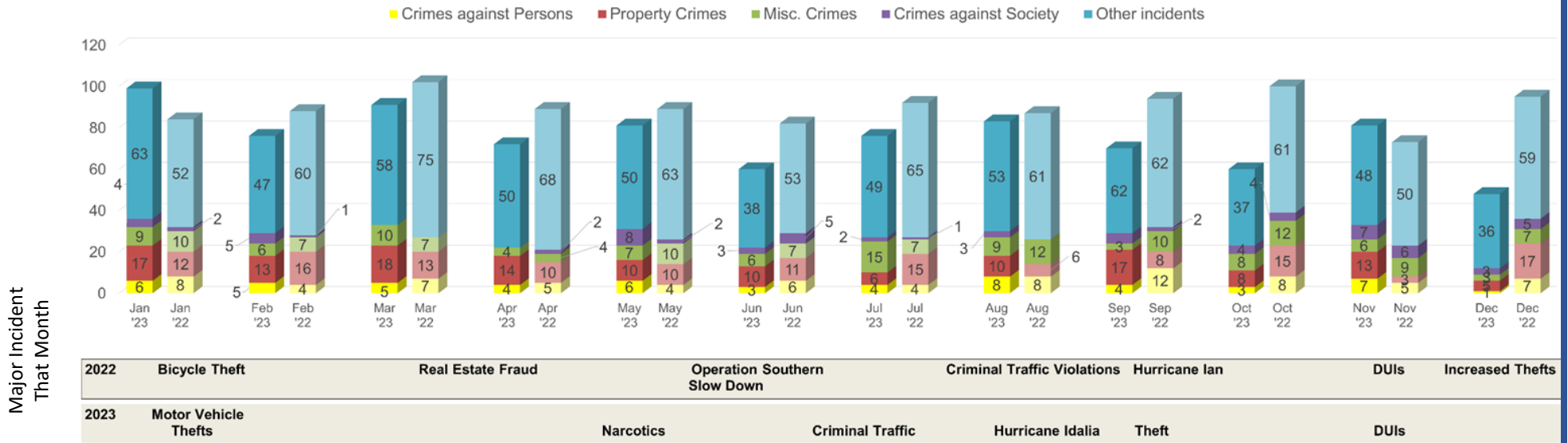


The 2023 MIPD Sworn Officers

2022 vs 2023 Incident Crime Trends

In November 2023, there were 41 non-criminal incidents reported. 22% of non-criminal incident reports were comprised of reports for suspicious online activities. 5% of reports were referencing assistance to other agencies including Collier EMS, Marco Island Fire Department, and other law enforcement agencies. 17% of non-criminal incident reports are for lost and found property. The Marco Island Police Department will accept found property into our property and evidence department for safekeeping until an owner can be located.

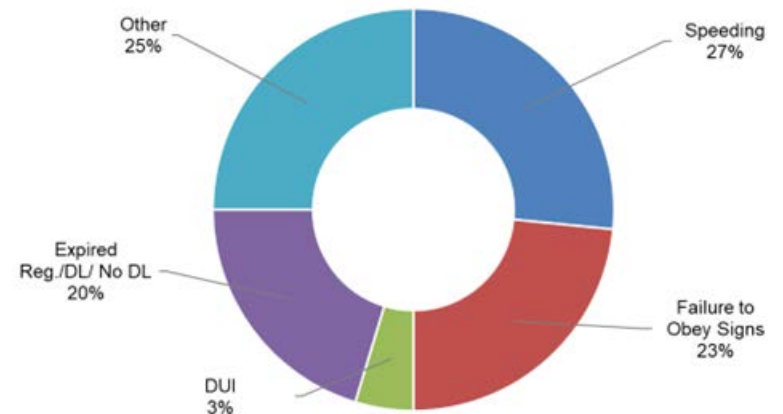
2023 v. 2022 Incident Trends by Crime Category, Non-Crime



December Traffic Patrol

In December 2023, there were 118 traffic citations and warnings issued by the Marco Island Police Department. Of the citations issued, 23% were for failure to obey traffic signs or traffic lights. 27% were due to an excess in posted speed. 20% of citations were for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration or driver's license. Other citations issued were for violations including safety belt infractions, improper passing, and illegal U-turns. In December 2023, the Marco Island Police Department arrested 6 people for traffic violations. 3 arrests were for DUIs, and 3 were for driving with no valid or suspended drivers' licenses. 6 licenses were seized during traffic stops due to suspensions or revocations. 2 license plates were seized during traffic stops.

December 2023 Citations Offenses vs Total Traffic Citations Written




December Reserve / Auxiliary Program Activity Hours

Reserve and Auxiliary Police Officers are unpaid volunteers who are certified by the State of Florida to perform in the law enforcement role. These officers must meet the Department's and State of Florida's annual retraining / certification requirements. Reserve and Auxiliary personnel are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month. They perform a variety of functions for our department and community which are outlined in the chart below. Once a month Reserve and Auxiliary Officers have a staff meeting to review policy changes, attend training and address planning and logistical requirements.

Activity Type	December	November	Current Year 2023
Administrative	12	15	211
Background Investigations	0	0	0
Beach Patrol	0	0	70
Community Events	50	10	242
Investigations / Follow-up	0	0	0
Marine Patrol	0	0	20
Monthly Meeting	7	5	86
Park Patrol	3	3	11
Special Duty (Paid)	82	69	1211
Special Duty (Unpaid)	0	0	0
Solo Patrol	0	0	36
2nd OFC Patrol	0	0	52
Program Coordination	15	15	225
Training	7	10	357
Weather Event	0	0	9
Other	0	0	0
Total	176	127	2,529

Special Duty Hours – Performance of Law Enforcement Duties Compensated by Outside Vendors

Special Details in December totaled 263  95 hours from November.

- United Church Security 18 Hours
- Island Country Club Security 88 Hours
- Presbyterian Church Security 21 Hours
- Rose Marina Concert Security 10 Hours
- JW Marriott Concert Security 20 Hours
- MI Yacht Club Security 4 Hours
- Gulf Coast Runners Traffic 12 Hours
- San Marco Catholic Church Security/Traffic 17 Hours
- JCMi Concert Security 3 Hours
- Farmer's Market Traffic 70 Hours

Training

- Officer Prigge and Lieutenant Casabona completed training to become Law Enforcement Field General Instructors.
- Officer Ferris and SRO McElroy completed basic patrol rifle training with CCSO.

Employees News

- Sergeant Kries and Officers Smith, Schmid, Carey, Campbell were presented with Phoenix Awards for lifesaving efforts while on patrol.

December Detective Bureau Monthly Investigative Report

Cases Closed by Detective Bureau:

Domestic Disturbance- A detective was traveling in an unmarked vehicle and observed a domestic disturbance in progress. The pedestrians were stopped, the situation mitigated, and a report completed. Case Closed.

	Dec-23	Dec-22	23 vs. 22 Diff.
Closed	35	58	-40%
Cleared	6	14	-57%
Open	6	8	-25%
Suspended	1	9	-89%
Total	48	89	-46%

Suspicious Incident- An incident regarding a dispute over plants between neighbors was determined to be a civil problem. Case Closed.

Petit Theft – A theft of food at a restaurant was investigated with no surveillance video or suspect leads developed. Case Inactive.

Death Investigation – The medical examiner provided a report that a death was accidental due to a drug overdose. Case Closed.

Suspicious Incident – Regarding a check issued to a contractor which never arrived by US Mail and was intercepted by unknown person(s). The bank has reimbursed the reporter. Case Closed.

Burglary of Conveyance – Vehicle broken into by window smash and purse stolen. No investigative leads are left after searching surveillance videos and investigative databases. Case Inactive.

Assist Other Agency – A report of a sex crime led to the discovery that the offense occurred in the county. Referred to other agency.

Petit Theft – A porch package theft was reported. After checking all leads, the suspect(s) were not identified. Case Inactive.

Grand Theft – Investigation into stolen boat trailer utilizing investigative databases did not result in the identification of a suspect or the recovery of the trailer. Case Inactive.

Sex Offender – A visiting sex offender was served with the City Sex Offender ordinance and the requirements of the ordinance were explained. Compliance was gained. Case Closed.

Case Management		Arrests/Warrants/Prosecution/ Hearings	
Supplemental Reports	51	Warrant Checks	175
Det. Supervisor Review of Reports	61	Arrest Warrant Request	3
Det. Supervisor Evidence Log Processing	12	Contact with the State Attorney's Office	1
Initial Reports Written	4	Risk Protection Orders	1
Exploratory (Collection / Documentation)		Follow up / Assists	
Evidence Submissions	5	Case Follow-Ups	55
Interviews	16	Bulletins Created/ Distributed	1
Videos Processed from WatchGuard	14	Call Ins from Off Duty	1
Death Investigations	1	Other Agency Assists	1
FDLE Trips for Evidence	1	Policing	
Subpeona Requests	4	Sex Offender Checks	1
		Traffic Stops	2
		Road Patrol Coverage	2

December Marine Report

Marine officers observed a steady decrease in boater traffic on Marco Island waterways and transient vessels at anchorage in Smoke House and Factory Bays during the month of December. All vessels were following Coast Guard regulations.

Marine unit officers responded to One marine emergency (MERT) call during the month of December:

On December 12th Marine Officer Ferris responded to locate a boat attempting to get to their dock at the Marco Island Yacht Club from the mouth of the Marco River. The operator of the boat appeared to be suffering from a medical condition and was unable to operate the vessel and a passenger was attempting to

captain the boat. Sgt. Montgomery maneuvered the ranger over to the patient's vessel so that Officer Ferris could board and operate the damaged vessel. As this took place Marco Island Fire Rescue arrived on scene and Officer Ferris was able to get the boat to the slip so that the patient could get the medical attention he needed.

We had two major weather/rain events this month and marine officers worked together to make sure boats were secure and pumps were working properly.

Marine officers decorated the police vessel in preparation for the annual Christmas Island Style parades. During Marco Island's largest boat parade to date, officers assisted with vessel safety to ensure a successful event.

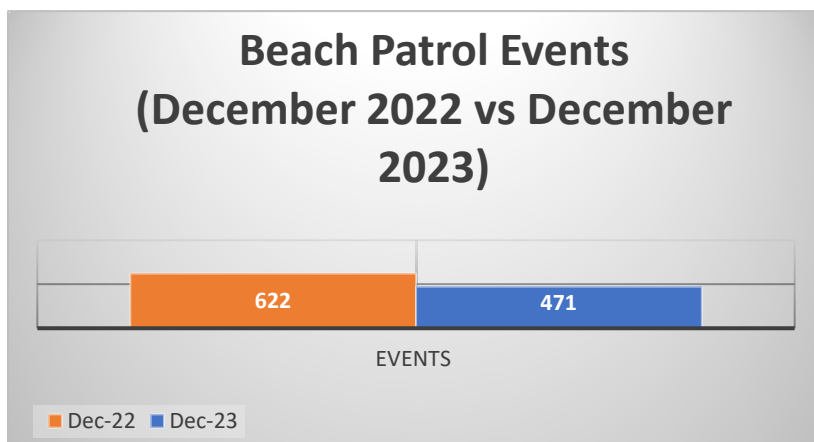
Beach Report

December overall beach vents decreased 24% vs December events for 2022. Season is in full swing which is evident from this month's large increase with Information/Directions Events from last month. Information/Directions was also the highest number of all the Events for December.

On December 27th, two beachgoers came across an injured Tern who had a hook in its beak. They, along with Code Officers Warder and Curry were successful in safely handing the Tern over to the Audubon of the Western Everglades for treatment.

December 2023 Marine Incidents	Dec-23	Dec-22
Total events	301	354
Canal, Bay River and Gulf patrol	87	182
Patrols/ Business Checks*	105	50
Vessel Stops	23	14
Citations/ Warnings	9	12
Sanitation inspections Factory Bay	6	3
Sanitation Inspections Smoke House Bay	5	4
Suspicious Vessels	0	3
MERT (Marine Emergency Response Team)	1	3
Assist Boater/Citizen Contacts	23	0
Resource Checks	25	0
Boater Safety Checks	17	7
Patrols/ Inspections of Marinas	0	76

EVENTS:	
Information/Directions	84
Patrol Activity	83
Pick-up Litter and Debris	81
Inspect/Check Beach Signs	58
Community Oriented Policing	39
Youth Badge/Photo Op/Giveaways	37
Shorebird Flushing	28
Dog on Beach	15
Bikes on Beach	11
911 Call Response	10
Injured/Sick Bird	5
Glass on Beach	5
Courtesy Transport	4
Detail	4
Assist	4
Vessel Assist	1
Drones/Kites	1
Follow Up	1



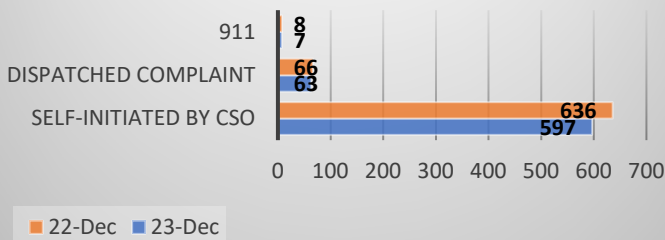
Code Enforcement:

In December the Code Enforcement Unit continued to work towards balancing the issues that are of importance to the residents of Marco Island, as well as aiding in multiple injured bird rescues. Our officers actively assisted in keeping our smaller island residents safe at school crossings and assisted with Holiday Toy Distribution.

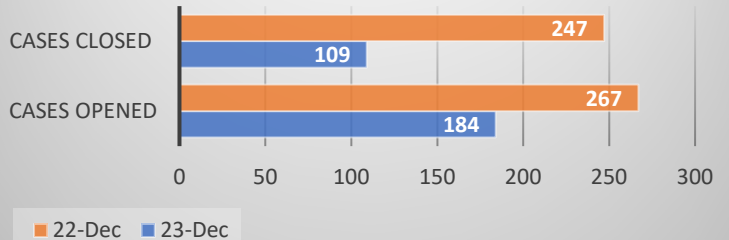
The most significant code violations for the month of December were silt fence violations, encroachments onto the sidewalk, and litter/debris violations. Silt fences support soil stabilization and keeping the sidewalks encroachment free promotes safer pedestrian pathways around the Island.

Code Enforcement Cases

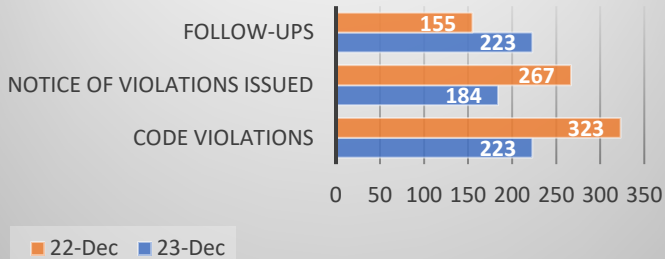
**CEO Activity by Source
December 2023 vs.
December 2022**



**Cases Opened and Closed
December 2023 vs.
December 2022**



**CEO Activity
December 2023 vs.
December 2022**



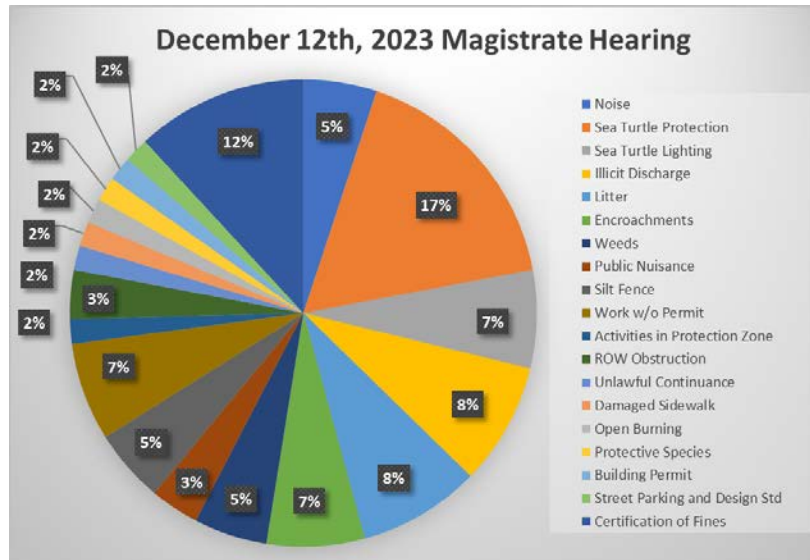
Type of Violation	Number of Violations
Silt Fence	23
Encroachments	20
Litter and Debris	19
Trash on Swale	19
Boat and Trailer Parking	17
Parking Citation	13
Weeds	12
Irrigation	10
Public Nuisance	9
Right of Way Obstruction	9
RV Permit	8
Abandoned or Derelict Trailer/Vehicle	7
Trash Citations	5
Parking on Unapproved Surface	4
Work Without a Permit	4
Commercial Vehicle Parking/Storage	3
Damaged Sidewalk	3
Illicit Discharge	3
Staging	3
Pruning Maintenance and Removal	3
Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles	2
RV Parking	2
Stormwater Pollution	2
Signage	2
Noise Violation	2
Protection and Permitting	2
Noxious Plants	1
Activities Within Protection Zone	1
Fences	1
Boat Dock	1
Dumpster Design Regulations	1
Plant Material and Installation	1
Prohibited Exotic Vegetation Removal	1



Code Enforcement Officers Warder and Curry with assistance from beachgoers rescue an injured Tern.

December Special Magistrate Hearing

53 Cases were presented at the December 12th, 2023 Magistrate Hearing. 12% of cases were Certification of Fines. 17% of cases were due to Sea Turtle Protection Efforts.



*** This figure reflects the total number of violations and not the number of cases. This is to account for cases with multiple violations.

For more information regarding the Special Magistrate Hearings please visit:

<https://marcoisland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Code Enforcement Protected Species

Of the 8 burrowing owl cases, 2 were unfounded, 1 case led to the issuance of an NOV, 4 cases resulted in verbal warnings and 1 case resulted in the issuance of a citation. Of the 4 Gopher Tortoise cases, 2 involved compromised or damaged silt fences, which are part of the protection zone. These cases resulted in the issuance of NOV's. Two cases involved the possible damage of a gopher tortoise burrow by vehicles. One case was investigated by Code Officers and FWC, which led to the scoping of the burrow by Audubon of Western Everglades, (AWE). Thankfully no Gopher Tortoises were found injured. No action could be taken since the subject vehicle and driver could not be identified. There were 7 cases involving shore birds. There were two injured shorebirds that were rescued and turned over to AWE. There were two deceased birds, one pelican and one royal tern. AWE was notified of both.



Code Enforcement: Water Quality

During the month of December 2023, Code Enforcement issued a total of 28 Notices of Violation, for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). 23 violations were issued for Silt Fence, either damaged or missing. 11 violations complied by the compliance date. 12 are still non-compliant and will be scheduled for the January 30th Magistrate hearing. 3 violations were issued for Illicit Discharge and are scheduled for the January 30th magistrate hearing. 2 violations were for Stormwater pollution with one case complaint and the other will be scheduled for the January 30th Magistrate hearing.

#Bettertogether Highlight



Members of the MIPD teamed up with Meals of Hope and Marco Island Community members at Marco Island Charter Middle school to help pack meals for families in need.



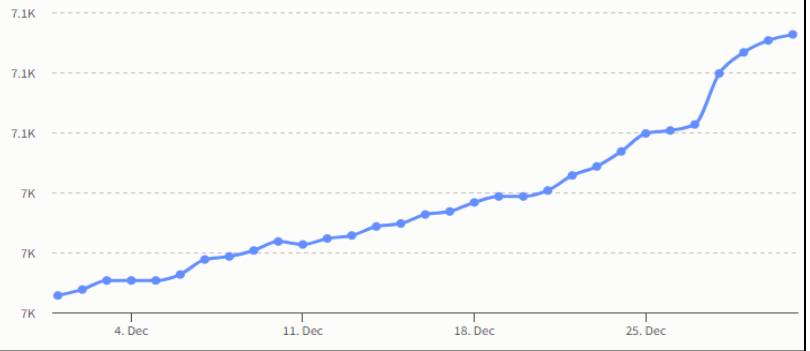
Number of followers for MIPD Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

December Top Performing Posts

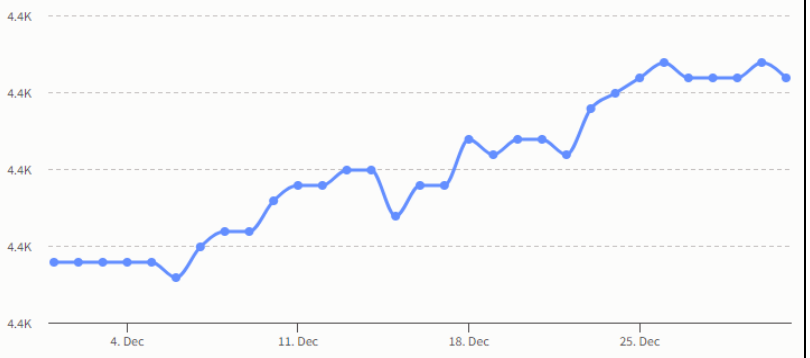


The MIPD wished Marco Island visitors and guests a Happy Holidays.

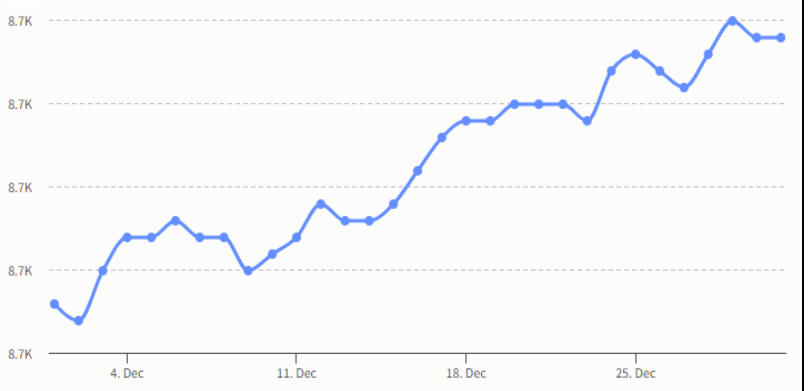
Follower Trends December 2023



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Lieutenant Gallup, Sergeant Belardo and Officer Carey remove a Burmese Python from a bush in Hideaway Beach.



Code Enforcement Officer Youngkin rescued an injured pelican which was turned over to AWE for treatment.



**Appendix:
December 2023 vs. December 2022**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Community Oriented Policing Activities	2,249	1,855	1,989	2,018	2,066	2,032	2,181	1,950	1,862	2,104	2,201	2,155	2022
	2,024	1,621	1,889	1,932	2,053	2,145	2,218	1,833	1,805	2,121	1,941	2,004	2023
Extra Patrols	9,392	7,250	7,353	8,115	7,972	7,675	7,379	7,722	7,441	7,991	8,854	7,896	2022
	7,500	6,591	7,044	7,217	6,849	7,503	7,651	7,166	7,276	7,096	6,694	6,189	2023
Parking Complaints	30	89	80	57	32	19	33	41	34	3	12	28	2022
	25	78	94	56	47	26	103	51	31	48	44	16	2023
Noise Complaints	37	43	61	50	48	44	92	56	33	28	22	38	2022
	35	26	51	39	59	33	69	36	32	15	29	33	2023
Traffic Stops	844	690	711	799	625	709	864	786	638	446	611	609	2022
	657	592	550	604	515	523	688	521	472	525	419	392	2023
Noise Complaints Verified	2	1	1	2	4	4 *	1 *	7 *	1	3	2	1	2022
	1	0	2	2	6	1	3	5	7	0	5	2	2023
Traffic Citations	135	106	143	119	91	96	114	139	112	27	83	80	2022
	111	89	64	65	53	69	105	100	118	110	116	69	2023
Traffic, Parking & Vessel Written Warnings	201	212	203	197	187	194	215	210	171	55	122	134	2022
	146	152	152	139	67	175	357	182	158	172	165	59	2023
Vehicle Crash	49	38	46	42	21	11	39	15	51	24	20	23	2022
	48	44	44	32	25	9	29	23	9	17	25	14	2023
Criminal Cases - Open	11	16	7	10	7	4	5	5	6	11	5	8	2022
	11	15	12	8	12	10	10	10	5	5	13	6	2023
Criminal Cases - Closed	46	61	72	63	64	52	65	61	61	63	42	58	2022
	60	52	62	52	41	25	50	52	47	33	39	35	2023
Criminal Cases - Cleared	2	6	12	4	12	13	10	15	15	16	17	14	2022
	15	12	15	7	1	8	13	14	10	11	12	6	2023
Criminal Case - Follow-Ups	45	37	52	47	46	31	32	33	31	38	6	31	2022
	55	62	86	47	56	41	50	16	30	46	68	55	2023
Crime or Incident Reports Taken	84	90	100	89	89	79	91	88	88	100	73	89	2022
	99	79	97	72	79	56	76	80	67	54	78	48	2023
Persons Arrested	13	6	10	4	11	11	12	15	14	13	15	15	2022
	17	10	13	5	9	7	13	12	10	14	12	7	2023
Beach Patrol Events	557	563	717	671	982	569	872	753	644	531	553	622	2022
	534	626	718	566	661	599	697	191	527	534	451	471	2023
Marine Patrol Events	337	459	712	459	636	435	635	895	487	450	734	354	2022
	647	499	1,024	955	822	872	1,055	430	267	471	382	301	2023
Calls for Service	13,124	11,744	12,337	13,119	12,548	12,071	12,518	12,522	12,057	12,424	13,323	12,710	2022
	12,646	11,065	12,204	10,881	10,433	11,276	11,624	11,472	10,552	10,734	10,213	9,561	2023

Calls for Service data reflects activity captured in an agency's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System for any call (not per incident) that causes a police officer or code enforcement officer to take an action or expend agency resources, whether agency-initiated or citizen initiated.

* Note, may be under-reported due to CAD coding issue.

Vehicle Count Daily Averages													
Jolley Bridge North bound	NA	NA	NA	NA	8,233	5,615	5,283	4,571	4,760	5,916	5,746	5,137	2023
Jolley Bridge South bound	NA	NA	NA	NA	9,263	7,011	3,423	5,898	6,858	8,469	7,662	4,224	2023

Note: Data was unable to be retrieved Jan- May due to damages sustained by Hurricane Ian.



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